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Corporate Angel Network Celebrates 30-Year Anniversary of First Flight

White Plains, NY -- When a corporate jet lifted off on December 22, 2011 carrying a cancer patient to a far-off city for treatment, it marked the 30th anniversary of Corporate Angel Network's first flight providing charitable service to those afflicted by the disease.

On December 22, 1981 Leonard Greene, CAN's co-founder, piloted the first Corporate Angel Network flight, transporting a 16-year-old boy to his home in Detroit for Christmas after having received treatment in New York City. Greene, who also founded Safe Flight Instrument Corporation, was an aviation industry pioneer and an inductee in the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

Since then, thanks to the generosity of business aviation, CAN has flown nearly 40,000 cancer patients to treatment in the empty seats of regularly scheduled corporate flights.

"This continuing service to cancer patients comes in spite of a recent downturn in business fortunes," said Randall Greene, Chairman of CAN and son of the co-founder. "It is wonderful testimony to the more than 550 corporations who offer their resources for the public good."

Corporate Angel Network has received many awards recognizing its contributions to cancer patients including the Volunteer Action Award, the highest volunteer award from the President of the United States.

Photo Caption: 16 year old cancer patients chats with Leonard Greene prior to takeoff.